



SOWING BY THE MOON: "As likely to promote growth as a photograph of a cow is to produce milk."

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be avoided, to be resumed between November 28 and December 12, during which period the moon will be waxing, December 10 (two days before full moon), being the optimum date.

Sowing by the moon is not even sowing by moonshine: it is sowing by nothing—by a shadow—and is as likely to promote growth as a photograph of a cow is to produce milk. The anthroposophists, in fact, almost know this: so when they are told that moonlight is only reflected sunlight, which can have no horticultural value, they drag in extra-terrestrial rhythms and the signs of the Zodiac.

Well, I suppose that liberty to be a moonshiner is one of the liberties for which we are fighting, but the consequences of moon-worship in a country with such a changeable climate as ours can easily be serious. If the weather and the moon don't co-operate, the seed will not be sown, and what do we do then? Drink camomile water or roll in the dew?

I don't know what the answer is, but I know that we can't afford to be astonished if we see people switching off the electric light and reading by a tallow dip.

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THE newspaper that came so near to telling me to sow by the moon also told me the answer to the "Russian Mystery." Not many know it, but here it is:

BENJAMIN DISPELS RUSSIAN MYSTERY: Many thinking people are wondering and puzzled at the astonishing fight Russia is putting up, and the great help she, who was our supposed enemy, is giving to Britain. This is because they have been led astray by both Churches and Universities.

Let us look to world history. Never has Russia attacked Britain—Germany has twice done so. There are many who in their inner hearts believe that the British Kingdom can never perish—Mr. Churchill does so, and is he not right? From whence

have they got this belief? Surely from Scripture, and Scripture prophecy is amply being fulfilled to-day.

The whole secret is in the word "BENJAMIN." Do you know what that means? It means the strength of God's right hand—and it is the strength that is being displayed in Russia to-day. This is all foretold of Benjamin Russia—any clergyman can tell you Benjamin was the light-giving tribe. It has been proved there are many descendants of Benjamin in Russia and Siberia. Well, they are shedding light on the mystery "Lighten our Darkness, we Beseech, O Lord."

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AND in case you happen to be one of those who scoff at what they read in newspapers but swallow every word that is bound into a book, I will let you into another secret. I was handed that same week *The Coming Glories of the Jewish Nation*, by James Dunbar. James Dunbar, whose address is Dunedin, and who describes himself as one of those who believe that "God says what he means and means what he says," has discovered by searching the Scriptures that the present system of world governments is near its end. It will end in a stupendous clash in which, if I do not misunderstand him, 1,000,000,000 will die, and "the blood will be up to the horses' bridles." Then...

The whole appearance of the land of Palestine will be altered in a few moments. The hill country of Judea and Samaria northwards will be flattened, and the Dead Sea, now hundreds of feet below the ordinary sea level, will be raised to the same plane. Moreover, fishers will be able to stand at the age-old villages of Engedi and En-eglaim on the shore of the Dead Sea, and catch fish of the same kind as in the Mediterranean. It will lose its saltiness, which has been the distinguishing feature for so many centuries, so that it will be no longer the Dead Sea, but... a place of Living waters.

So perhaps the earth is flat after all. Perhaps the lamb will swallow the lion and Hitler hail Selassie. There are bigger shocks than any of these in James Dunbar.

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